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Remarks

Claims 1-62 are pending in the application. The Patent Office has required Applicants to restrict this application to one of the following groups, pursuant to 35 USC §121.

- Group I. Claims 1-14, 16-52 drawn to a cleaning composition for formed metal articles, classified in class 510, subclass 245.
- Group II. Claim 15, drawn to a metallic article treated with a cleaning composition, classified in class 428, subclass 543.
- Group III. Claims 53-63, drawn to a method of cleaning a metal surface classified in class 134, subclass 3.

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement where claim 15 is dependent upon claim 1 and can readily be searched and examined with claim 1. As required by the Patent Office, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute Group I as recited in the Official Action, with traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants request reconsideration in view of the remarks contained herein. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned

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